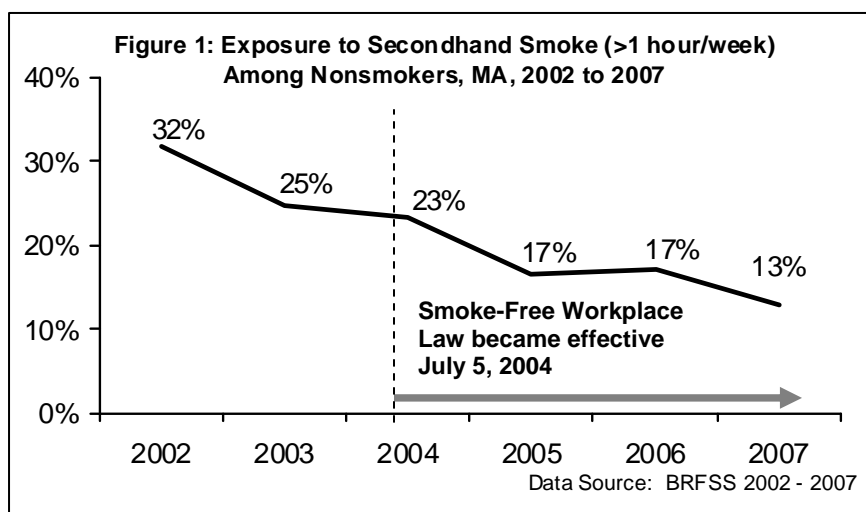


Adults Exposed to Secondhand Smoke

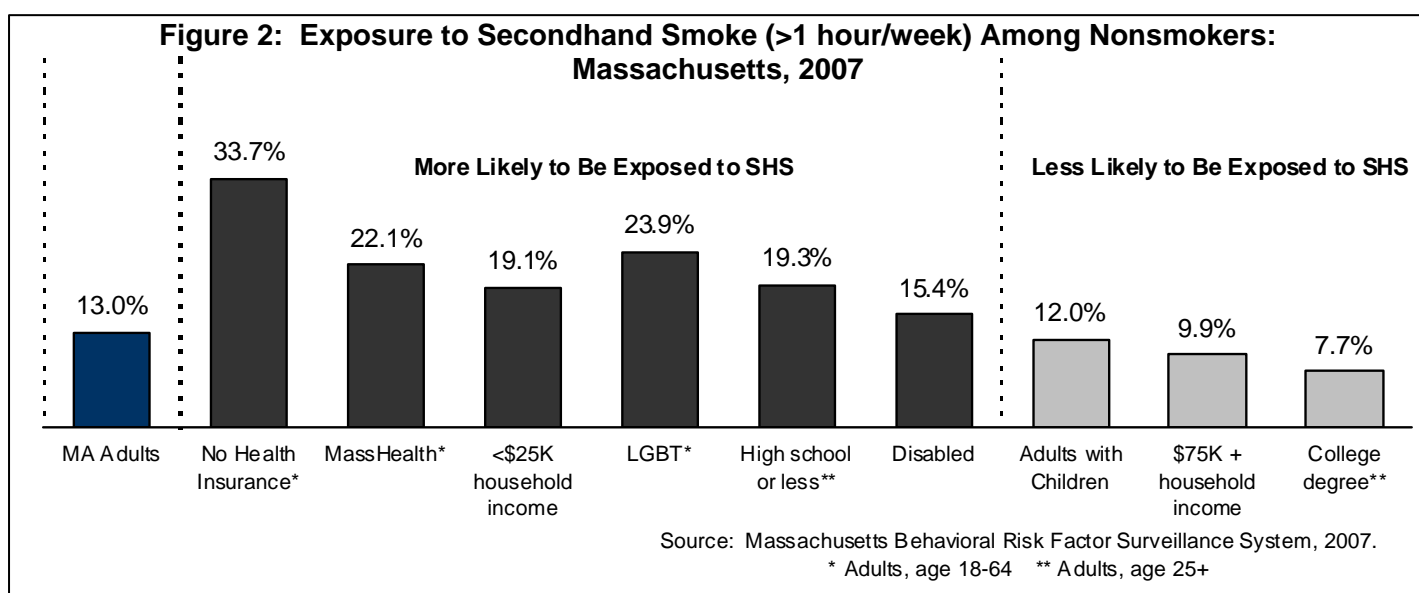
Massachusetts Fact Sheet

Exposure to secondhand smoke among adult nonsmokers declined in Massachusetts from 32% in 2002 to 13% in 2007 (Figure 1)¹. Since enactment of the Smoke-Free Workplace Law, exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke has been reduced. However, nonsmokers continue to report exposure to secondhand smoke, especially in homes, private vehicles, and other places.

- 14.3% of nonsmoking men are exposed; 11.8% of women.
- 13.2% of whites, 14.3% of blacks, and 13.6% of Hispanics are exposed.
- 35.5% of young adult (18-24) nonsmokers are exposed, the highest of any age group.



Exposure to secondhand smoke is most prevalent among low socio-economic groups, people with no health insurance, people with disabilities, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) population (Figure 2).



¹ More than one hour per week of exposure. Data based on the Massachusetts Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

